

1 authority to deal with the budget was asked by our committee  
2 of the witnesses who appeared before it. These witnesses  
3 were in large part present and former members of the legis-  
4 lature. They were offered by our committee the suggestion  
5 that it would be desirable to permit just such actions  
6 as are proposed by this amendment.

7 By a wide majority the present and past legis-  
8 lators of Maryland rejected the proffer that was made by  
9 our committee. They rejected it on the basis that this  
10 would put them in a position of log-rolling and pork-  
11 barrelling, in which they thought the General Assembly  
12 should not be.

13 I respectfully suggest the legislature itself  
14 does not want this authority, and that we should go along  
15 with them and reject the amendment.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson, do you yield  
17 to a question from Delegate Willis?

18 DELEGATE HANSON: Yes.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Willis.

20 DELEGATE WILLIS: I have several questions,  
21 Delegate Hanson.